



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

*“learning, growing, belonging ... happy together in
God's family”*

Please visit our website that has been updated.

Website: www.stjprimary.co.uk

Attendance

Good attendance is key to a child learning and while the overall attendance at St Joseph's generally high a significant number of children are showing worrying levels of absence. These absence levels may be due to family holidays or to sickness but we ask all parents to seriously consider why they are keeping their child off school. Of course, sickness is debilitating and nobody wants infections to be spread to classmates and staff but please consider whether your child is simply under the weather or ill before keeping them off school. As for holidays, I cannot authorise them during term time except for exceptional circumstances. We also notice some children with lower attendance have the odd days off on Mondays or Fridays. This really does need some reflection. A child's learning can be adversely affected by absence. Missing key aspects of learning can be very hard to recover and the wider implications of peer to peer learning also affected.

Whole school attendance

September 2017 – 5 February 2018: **96.62%**

Academic year 2016 -17: **97.20%**

Class attendance figures for the autumn and spring terms to date:

Class	Autumn term %	Spring term to date %
RecB	98.15	91.96
RecG	97.03	97.93
Y1	96.72	97.28
Y1/2	97.40	97.83
Y2	97.19	93.99
Y3	97.95	98.13
Y3/4	98.04	97.15
Y4	97.95	97.90
Y5	97.99	97.97
Y5/6	95.66	96.23
Y6	98.02	96.98



In today's assembly we recognised the following children for outstanding performance this week:

Noah Bidwell, Benjamin Toman-Webster, Charlie Wilde, Frankie Jones, Madison Stanley,

Rory Sloane, Evie O'Neill, Emily McKenzie-Ross, Junior Addison, Olivia Shepherd,

Amy Broome, Christian Whalley, Cole Joynson, Holly McWilliams, Sarah Lawton,

Molly Clarke, Alfie Sloane, Darcy Hayes, Annabel McKenzie-Ross, Aidan Rapson,

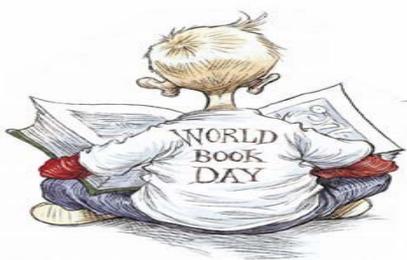
Sophie Bancroft, Christian Richards



World Book Day

On Thursday 1st March we will be celebrating World Book day by asking the children to dress up as their favourite book character.

On week commencing 12th March we will be holding a Book Fair for the week and the children can spend their world book day vouchers. We hope you will support us with this as with the commission earned we are able to purchase more books for the school.



New Parent Governor

Many thanks to all the parents who responded to governor elections. The results are as follows:

Paula Craig	58 votes
Neil McDermott	46 votes

Thanks to both parents for volunteering for this important role and congratulations to Mrs Craig.



Drop offs / Collections

The church kindly allows us to use the church car park at the beginning and end of the day. However, some parents are abusing this by driving up the presbytery drive in front of the church house and stopping by the memorial garden. Please refrain from doing this as it also causes a further hazard to children walking to school.

Additionally, please do not stop or park across neighbour's drive ways even partially when dropping off or collecting children each day. It is inconsiderate and causes problems for our neighbours when they are trying to get in and out of their premises.



Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be on Tuesday 13th February from 5.00pm to 7.00pm and on Wednesday 14th February from 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

Full details of arranging appointments can be found via Ping.



School Money

We are still receiving large amounts of money into school despite payments being requested via the Schoolmoney system. We are very limited on the amount of cash we are allowed to hold within school due to insurance. Please can we ask for payments where requested to be made via Schoolmoney.

If you are not aware of your login details please send a request into school in writing for these to be sent out again to you. We do envisage being a cashless school in the near future so please can we ask that you use Schoolmoney.



Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday coming, we will celebrate the beginning of Lent in school with liturgies aimed at each key phase. There will be no tuck that day.



Home / School Partnership

Alongside our formal parents' evenings in the autumn and spring, we value good relationships with our parents. If you need to talk with a member of staff about your child please feel welcome to make an appointment with them to share your concerns. A telephone call can be put through to the office for the member of staff to call back or a quick word at the class door or to Mr Saunders at the hall door to arrange the meeting may help. We'd ask parents of children in Y3 and Y3/4 not to walk through the hall to the classes as this increases congestion in the morning.



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Shop at nearly 3000 well known retailers listed at <http://easyfundraising.org.uk> website and a percentage of what you spend is passed to St Joseph's PFA **at no additional cost** to you 😊

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With Christmas Shopping season with us it is a fantastic way to raise more funds for the School.

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<http://tinyurl.com/stjoesef>

Any questions then please contact the PFA by email at contact@stjosephspfa.org.uk and we will be glad to help 😊

Dates for your Diary

February 2018

14 February – Ash Wednesday – We will celebrate key phase liturgies in school to reflect on the beginning of Lent.
Thursday 15 February, 9.15am – Y4 class assembly on the Eucharist
Friday 16 February – end of half term. School re-opens 26 February

March 2018

Thursday 1st March—World Book day
Monday 5th March—SATs meeting for Year 2 parents—3.30pm—4.00pm
Thursday 8th March—Mother's Day assembly lead by Reception
Monday 12th March—Book Fair week

June 2018

Wednesday 20th June—First Eucharist Mass (Year 4) time 6.30pm

“Did you know that you are automatically a member of our School's Parents & Friends Association (PFA)? If you would like to know more, please visit the PFA page on the School's Website”